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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO THE U.S. BY RWANDA INTERIM
- GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTER JEROME BICAMUMPAKA

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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE; PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 6.
- 3. DURING AN APRIL 26 MEETING WITH THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS JEAN-MARIE NDAGIJIMANA, WE WERE INFORMED OF THE PRESENCE IN PARIS OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTER JEROME BICAMUMPAKA AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR JEAN BOSCO

BARAYAGWIZA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOF (SEPTEL). HE BELIEVES THEY ARRIVED DURING THE WEEKEND BUT WAS NOT INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THEIR VISIT BY EITHER THE GOF OR THE TWO INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED.

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- 4. AMBASSADOR NDAGIJIMANA UNDERSTANDS THAT THEY FIRST BROACHED THE SUBJECT WITH ELYSEE COUNSELOR DOMINIQUE PIN WHEN HE TRAVELLED TO BURUNDI TWO WEEKS AGO. NDAGIJIMANA, WHO IS POLITICALLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE MODERATE HUTU OPPOSITION RATHER THAN THE SUPPORTERS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, STATED THAT HE HAS HAD LITTLE DIRECT CONTACT WITH BICAMUMPAKA AND BARAYAGWIZA SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL. HE HAS HEARD THAT THEY HAVE MEET WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE THE GOF AND THE WIDOW OF THE LATE PRESIDENT. REPORTEDLY, MEETINGS WITH THE GOF WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 28.
- 5. NDAGIJIMANA UNDERSTANDS THAT THEY REQUESTED A VISA FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM AND WERE REFUSED. HE ADDED THAT THEY HOPE TO TRAVEL ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29 TO CONFIDENTIAL

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FOR TALKS AT WITH THE USG AND
AT THE UN. HE WAS UNAWARE IF THEY HAD ANY PRIOR
CONTACT WITH THE USG OR UN OFFICIALS TO ARRANGE THE
PROPOSED TALKS. LATER IN THE DAY, THE EMBASSY PARIS
VISA SECTION RECEIVED A NOTE (ON RWANDA FOREIGN
MINISTRY STATIONERY) REQUESTING DIPLOMATIC VISAS FOR
FOREIGN MINISTER BICAMUMPAKA AND JEAN BOSCO BARAYAGWIZA.

6. ACTION REQUEST: GIVEN THE UNCERTAIN STATUS OF THE RWANDA INTERIM GOVERNMENT WE WISH TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE BEFORE ISSUING VISAS TO BICAMUMPAKA AND BARAYAGWIZA. PLEASE ADVISE.

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